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LIFETIME FLORIDA RESIDENT INDICTED ON CHILD PORNOGRAPHY CHARGES

MIAMI-Jesus Torres, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) special-agent-in-charge for the Miami office and Marcos Daniel Jimenez, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Florida announced today the return of an 11 count Indictment against Paul U. Dibble, 59, of Jensen Beach, Florida, on child related pornography charges. .

On Monday, Dibble made his initial appearance and arraignment in federal court in Ft. Pierce, before United States Magistrate Court Judge Frank J. Lynch. The Indictment charges Dibble with 10 counts of receiving child pornography that had traveled in interstate or foreign commerce, that is a violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 2252A(a)(2)(A), and one count of possession of multiple images of child pornography produced using materials that had been shipped or transported in interstate or foreign commerce by any means, including a computer, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 2252A(a)(5)(B).

The Indictment also seeks forfeiture of two of Dibble's computers that are alleged to have been used in the commission of the charged crimes. If convicted on the 10 counts of child pornography, Dibble faces a maximum statutory sentence of 20-years' imprisonment and a mandatory statutory minimum of five years' imprisonment on each count.

On the possession of child pornography count, Dibble faces a maximum statutory sentence of 10 years' imprisonment, if convicted. Dibble also faces a fine of up to \$250,000 and a term of supervised release on each of the 11 counts if convicted.

“The exploitation of children is a terrible crime. We continue to actively pursue these child predators who think they can hide in cyberspace,” said Jesus Torres, ICE special-agent-in-charge for the Miami office. “We urge the public to contact your local enforcement agency if you know of someone committing this appalling crime. Together we can fight this criminal element,” added Torres.

Mr. Jimenez commended the investigative efforts of the Immigration and Customs Enforcement, as well as the Martin County Sheriff's Office for its cooperation.

Assistant United States Attorney Jim McAdams is prosecuting the case.

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U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement was established in March 2003 as the largest investigative arm of the Department of Homeland Security. ICE is comprised of five integrated divisions that form a 21st century law enforcement agency with broad responsibilities for a number of key homeland security priorities.